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The Honorable Lorence Wenke Chairman Higher Education & Career Preparation Committee

RE: Senate Bill No. 136

Dear Representative Wenke:

Please be advised that Schoolcraft College supports passage of SB No. 136, as passed by the Michigan Senate March 16, 2005. We respectfully request that the House Higher Education & Career Preparation Committee recommend passage of the foregoing Bill to the House of Representatives.

The production and utilization of false academic credentials has grown as a result of an increase in sophisticated printers and copiers that permit the fraudulent production of such credentials in a manner that renders them to appear official. Schoolcraft College has been vigilant in contacting web-based businesses offering fraudulent academic credentials by notifying the same of our opposition to the improper use of Schoolcraft trademarks in the production of the same.

Schoolcraft College considers the production and utilization of false academic credentials a practice that undermines the integrity of higher education and those graduates who legitimately matriculate through the educational system.

Your support in this regard is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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